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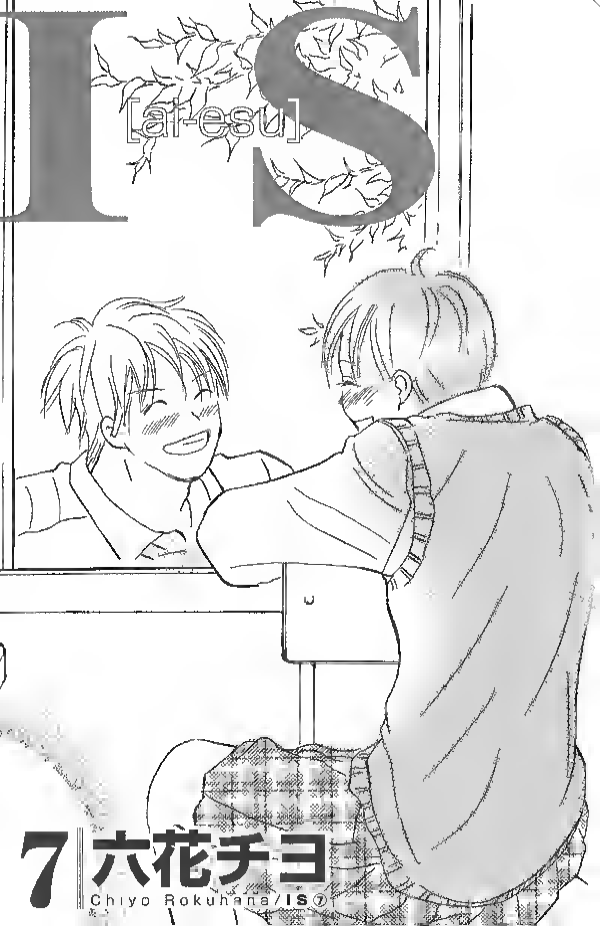

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★この物語はフィクションです。
実在の人物・団体名とは関係ありません。

CASE 3：春㉖

Something big happened
つやつや
ぼう
Yoshiko ... seems to have become a woman

A guy from B class
They've been going out for only a short while.
And then he suddenly kissed her.
Yo chan said, "Not here."
Then the guy said, "Why don't you come to my home then?"
And Usami became weird also
ギコ
ギコ

What s wrong?
Usam ?
It s nothing
I am going back to my class
Love and sex
As for me
Agony of adulthood began for them
Is that so ?
So, you ve finally been acknowledged as a male student

Yes
So s it poss ble to postpone hospitalizat on
精神科
戸籍 女性
• 外性器 男女判別つかず
• 精巣 生後10ヶ月で切除
• 卵巣 機能低下
• 性自認 男性(?)
• 性的指向 未確定
it has been found that Haru does not have enough female hormones
Haru does not have male hormones
From the last blood test
Therefore Haru fa ls to get regular per ods
Haru s ovary has degraded

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It is recommended that this patient is treated with female hormones as soon as possible "
This paper says that
If
This keeps going on
Furthermore it is very important to note that lack of hormones will cause malfunctions of other internal organs
symptoms like osteoporosis light fever and even headache
But you reject that idea
Let's see what we can do
.....
A treatment that will not modify Haru's body will be needed
I would like to put Haru's desire on top of everything else
As a psychical doctor

I said so right
We will soon need a comprehended diagnosis
ビュウウ
Trying to solve too many things at once
Will only burden Haru even more
"I understand."
"Give us little more time..."
I want to be acknowledged as a guy
Let's see how well he adapts to the new life.

But why am I feeling relieved when I was told that the diagnosis was postponed
After this semester
I will be allowed to go to school as a male student
.....
Yet I am not even sure which path I am going to choose for rest of my life
It will be soon Christmas
カタン
A letter
IS質問箱

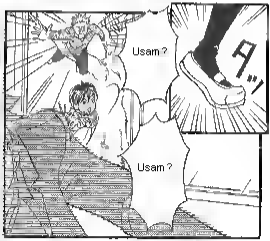
I hope it will snow on that day
So that I will be able to confess my mind to someone I love
So do I
I am
Horshino Haru what kind of Christmas would you like to have ?
going to be working part me at a cake store
To be honest
I am glad that I will be busy on that day
I will be dressed in a Christmas costume and will be selling cakes

Because there are ncreas ng number of couples around th s t me
And
: : :
t s very uncomfortable watch ng my g rl fr ends who are suddenly becom ng women
Usam
Is it because I feel ke I am los ng them
Or s it because of my unstable body

Whenever I read the replies I feel eased
Although it s from someone whom I ve never met
Kind words on the letters
Since some point
The letters became a talisman for me
Ah I see
On the eve I am going to be doing a part time job as a santa
So you know I will be visiting you at the cake shop after it s done
Haru

AAAAAAAH

Kamnogou Atomu
D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Usam?
Usam?

どさ

He has been in a relationship with Usami for one year and half
He's known as "The guy who wants to do it badly"
Want a drink?
This
She's going to ignore me even on the day of Eve I guess it is over
Something must have happened between them
I was trying to do it forcefully
I thought it'd have been okay
since we've been going out for one year and half

Kiss

I like Usami
And Usami likes me....
!?
Do what?
She refused but I tried to do it forcefully

Can't a guy kiss his girlfriend at will after such a long time ?!
Was I wrong ?! We've been going out for one year and half !
Well
I don't know

She hates me now !
Aaah !
I am going nuts !
She rejected not because she hates you.
That she wants this precious relationship to last
So, she won't do it until she can look after herself.
She -
told me this once some time ago.
I won't do it She said
Because I like him
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I also
am not s mply go ng after her body
I want to look at her and
Because I like her so much
Well
Well you are a healthy guy after all
Ahhh
I find her cute
Whenever I see her
I think her skin s very soft to touch
Her legs are pretty and

You understand me ?!
Ah, well ...
No, it's ok
I feel like I shouldn't have said it
Um
I have a favor to ask
Haru s awesome
You understand what g rls seem to th nk
And yet you are g v ng a guy adv ces
メリークリスマス
What d d Atomu say ?

Did he say something?
Ahah
Did he ask you what to do to earn forgiveness?
I am not really angry at him
Is that what you want to do ?

But
To k ss me
When I sa d no
I was
Just angry that he forced
After that the sensat on was left still
And I still can't forget it

Even Yoshiko
Who's very decent seems to like it
About not doing it until the right time
So I am thinking maybe that I was wrong
What I did was a cruel thing to him
Maybe
If you just do it
Because everybody else does it
I don't think so
You might get
pregnant
Well
I may be thinking too much of it though

That is
Usami I know
So

I think it s
important to
think of each
other
Because of
possible
responsibility
that you can't
yet take
it was
important
that you d
rather not
do it

But I think
the thoughts
were
important.

If you
explain
that to
Atomu,
I think
he will
understand
ガチャ

I like you
Usami
I care for you very much
So this is the promise I make for my love !
I promise !
I promise that I won't make love to you until we both become adults !
Going home, right ? Let's go !
I should write this on the reply letter.
It was merry Christmas
Thanks, Haru
Don't order me around !
Like I feel happy
for making them happy

You saw me change right?
Merry Christmas !

What I did as a cupid made me realize that
Everyone else is
going on different paths than mine
It's just that everyone else seems to be changing
I am feeling lonely
It's not that

But that is not possible for me.
They find who they like.
And have physical relationships.
Every-one is
Becoming either a man or a woman
It is
Probably not poss ble for me
"Not be ng able to" and "Not do ng" are very d fferent
Will my future partner understand that ?

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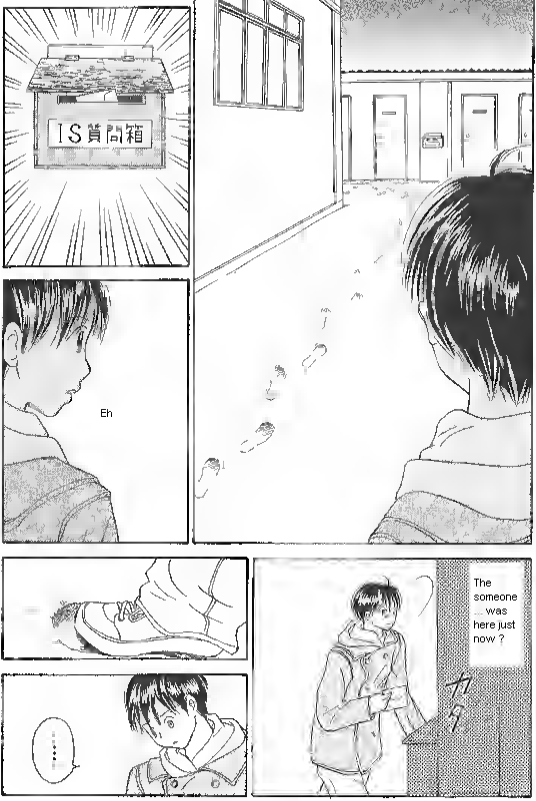
I wish...
I...
rushed to school.
#7
And I want to be comforted after
I could tell th s to somebody

After I send th s letter
And rece ve yet another reply It w ll make me feel better aga n
It s allr ght


IS質問箱
Eh
The someone ... was here just now ?
カタ

It s a guy ?
Why
who
would
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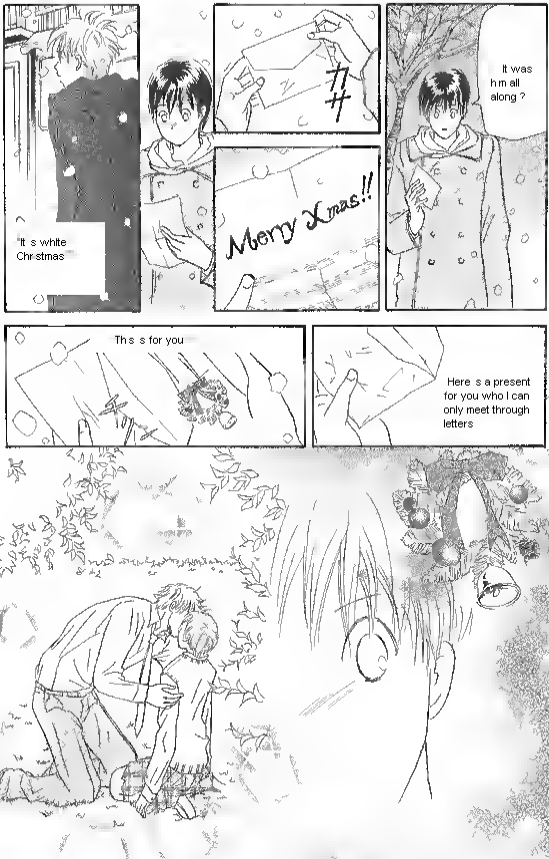
But the writing
wasn't a guy's
....
Could
it be ?
Could
it be ?

Kenji


It s white Christmas
Merry Xmas!!
It was him all along ?
Ths s for you
Here s a present for you who I can only meet through letters

He's been
by my side all this time.
So, it was him all this time...
I was happy

But -
I wanted everyone to understand I.S.
The truth was that
to under stand me better
I couldn't care less about everyone All I wanted was for Kenj
Just maybe
If he st ll holds affect on for me even after he f nds out the truth
Maybe

I thought I couldn't be happ er
I will
only cause even more problems for you
After ths semester
I am go ng to be a male
But I am sorry

I rece ved at the day of Chr stmas
We can no longer meet
The g ft
But
was placed n my drawer
カタン
It ' s there
The thought alone was good enough for me
Welcome
JapmeS
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Sold out
完売
Haru
Any leftovers
with 50%
discount?
Cake
Haru
we are so
lonely
A new life
will begin for
me
Soon
I will be a male
student

Th s
g ft
It makes me happy
by just hold ng t
That I rece ved
from Kenj on
Christmas
Wish me
luck.

I've wished to become a guy
Hating myself for what I am
So many times...
I've always wanted them to see me as a guy
Looks good on you!!

As you know already...
Hoshino Haru has been registered as a male student starting today

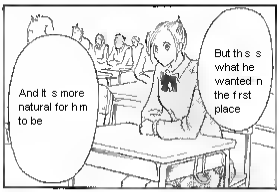
Eh

And at last today...
My life as a guy has begun

Even so

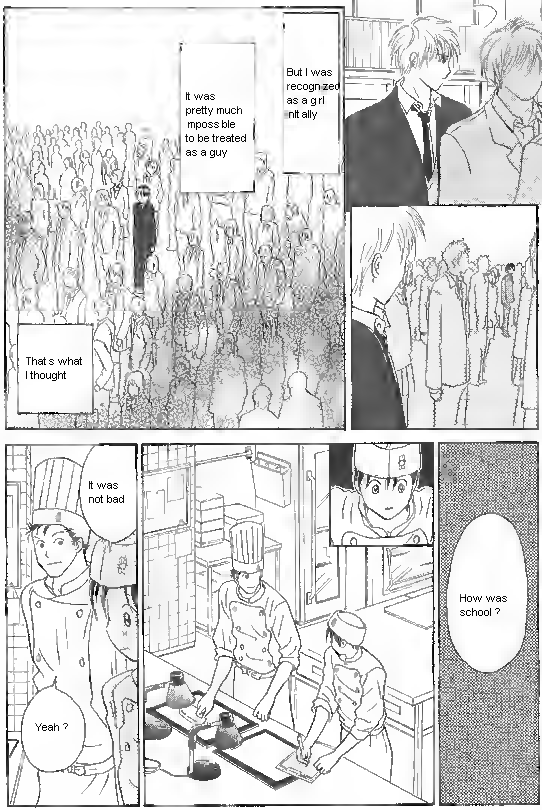
I'd like to treat Haru as a guy From now on

It may be weird at first


And it's more natural for him to be
But this is what he wanted in the first place

Um
So

The only ones who accepted or favored the change was
Only girls
All that changed s her un form
Calm down
And she is popular among girls?
But
始業式
Well that s what she likes to do Let her be
キーコーン カーン
Hey does she have both ?
I don t th nk she has done the surgery yet
Maybe she started l king girls
So it s due to sexual preference?
Ach you don t know anything
Wh ch ever
Don t talk about her in front of Ken
The guy can get scary
My f rst day at the 3rd grade


That s what I thought
It was pretty much mposs ble to be treated as a guy
But I was recognized as a grl init ally
It was not bad
Yeah ?
How was school ?

Well do what you can
You will be applying for accessories contest, right?
"Making food prettier"
Since you've entered let's try to get a award
Yes father
Right I have to join guys PE class from now on
マラソン
マラソン
ハーハー
PE !
Let's go to the PE class Haru !
What's wrong?
Marathon

As a female student I'd have been allowed to simply observe the class but
Nothing
Normally
Is Atomu looking after Haru ?
Why -

On my second day
I heard that the teacher specially asked him about looking after her.
He's probably the only one who has even talked to Haru.
あ
Even I could see that certain people around me are trying to make sure no trouble happens
ヨーイ
ドン!!
(はあ)
はあ
Woah

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If you complain I will make you run more!
Those who are not with in top 5 will run additional five round
Eh?
Why 2 rounds only for Haru?!
Shut up!
But...
Haru... that's enough
うわー
They may see and treat me as a guy but they still don't treat me the same
I could see that they wanted no troubles
You stopped P.E. classes when you were a girl..right?
Don't overdo yourself

Was he even asked to ...
do this?
Haru
Let s have lunch together
It was true that I could hardly start talk ng to others unless be talked
Yes
?
Why am I thnk ng so ? Stop that
I w ll make them
カタン
It s okay that they don't understand me

Did you watch the world cup ?

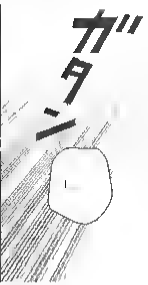
I will make them see me as a guy.
Yeah ?
Um ...

No
I did not

Something manni sh to talk about
Ah

Atmou come with us

Me too
I am going to the bath room !
?


ガタン
I...

That s enough Atmou
It was just bad tim ng
It s alr ght
I should return to my class
I guess

Isn't she pitiful ?
You are going too far even when you were asked by a teacher
So why don't you guys be more friendly
No way
She's trying so hard to become a guy
But
In what aspect is she "a guy" ?
Yeah
We use different changing room
We use different wash room
Her stamina is just like a girls
Like Pretty please help Haru
Did your girlfriend ask you to do this also ?
Don't need to know what I'S s
We
If you do I will do it with you
ギャぁぁ
キクッ
Ah
And then she came along

Ah
No, that's not true
I was...
Going back to my class

Welcome back, Haru!
I found out only after I became a guy
Th s couldn't be helped
Although I des red to be a guy
I was more comfortable hang ng out with g rls
It s probably because I am not used to th s I thought
Once I get used to guys It w ll be alr ght
It w ll be.. I thought

I realized that I wasn't like other guys
After my uniform changed
They weren't like the guys I knew from my childhood
The way I talk
Stamina
Not only nobody size
that if I could ever be acknowledged as a guy
A question kept coming to me
So
No matter how many times I refused to see the reality...

Kenji !

Ah
sorry

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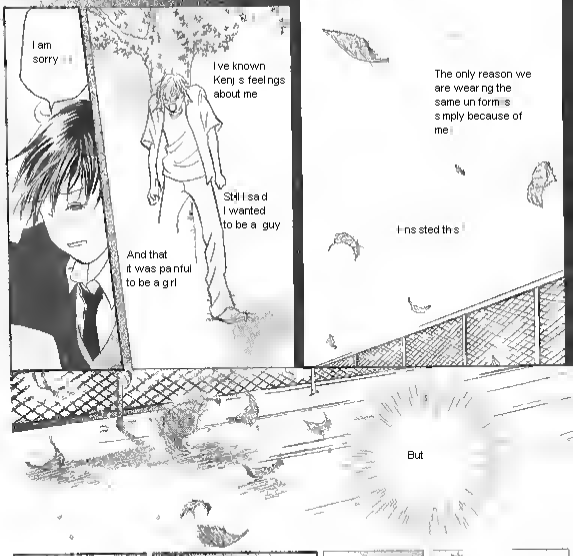
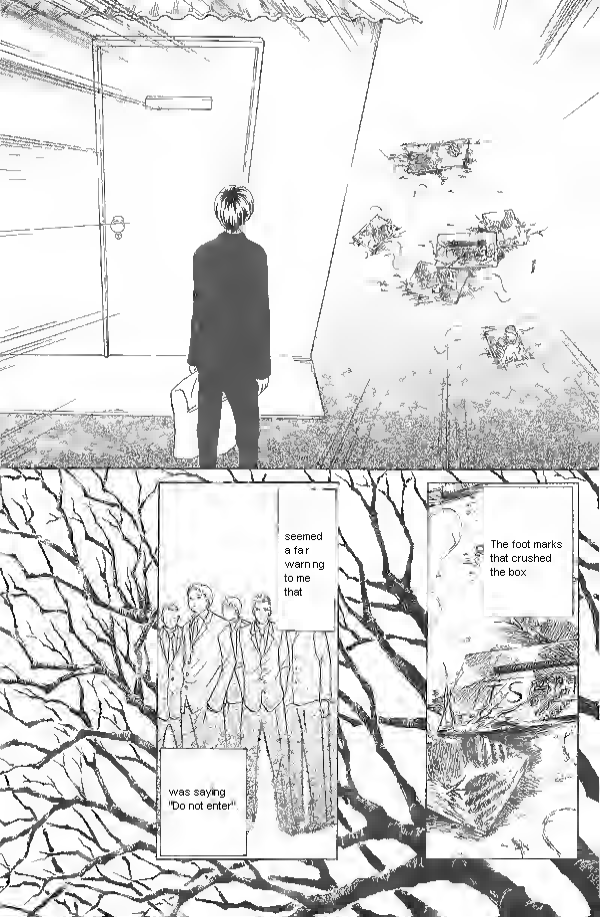
Thank you for the gift!
What was I trying to say ?!
If I say that, it will be only Kenji who will feel awkward !

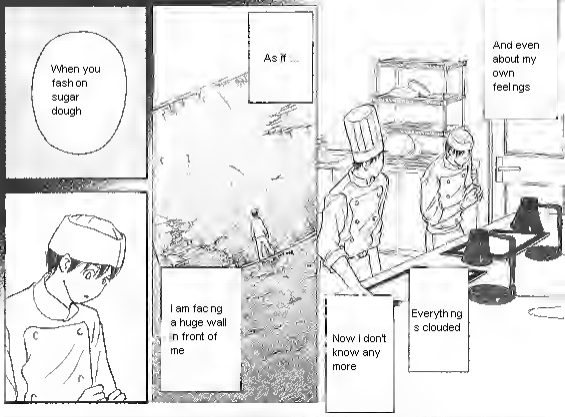

I am sorry
I've known Kenji's feelings about me
Still I said I wanted to be a guy
And that it was painful to be a girl
The only reason we are wearing the same uniforms is simply because of me
I insisted this
But

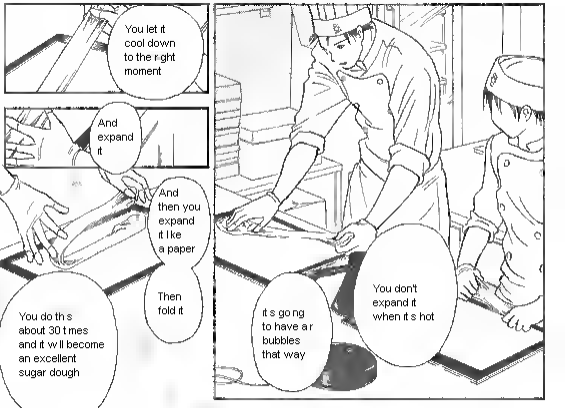
I am sorry Kenji
I cannot go back to being a girl just like that
Sorry
Now

I don't know anymore
Did I really want to be a boy ?
This was my 4th day
And I was already becoming confused
The I.S. question box...
Must have been very determined on surface.
Either way, whatever I was thinking ...


seemed a far warn ng to me that
was saying "Do not enter"
The foot marks that crushed the box

What is wrong Haru ?
I think it isn't going well
Just
Come to think of it, I haven't advanced at all. I've been simply circling
Every-one's reaction
toward me
What I imagined in my head
was too different in reality


When you fash on sugar dough
As if ...
And even about my own feelngs
I am fac ng a huge wall in front of me
Now I don't know any more
Everyth ng s clouded


You let it cool down to the right moment
And expand it
And then you expand it l ke a paper
Then fold it
You do th s about 30 t mes and it w ll become an excellent sugar dough
it s go ng to have a r bubbles that way
You don't expand it when it s hot

Know ng what to do n your head doesn't mean you can do it
Th s s how you make the dough Do you th nk you can do it r ght now ?
Now
Thought so
Even f you understand the concept
You still need exper ence
Wh ch temperature
How to fold
and f nd your own know how
So you do it
Many t mes

Will not accompl sh
anyth ng

Imaging what
kind of outcome
you will get ...

and
somet mes
fa l
and f nd out
why you fa l
You w ll
try
So

Will be able to
make th s
sugar rose
as well
You too

After
many
tr al and
error

It s too early to g ve up after one or two fa lures
It s not
work ng out at the school s it
Even f It s pa nful to bear
Try other methods

And one day
The wall n front of you may come down
If one method fails, try another
The ordeals you go through may one day benefit you
Such exper ence
will only be
yours
who were born ntersexed
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So
コトン
Try few more t mes
Haru !
Don't try to be a guy Just be yourself
Th s time
Could I have lunch with you guys?
Wipe out the bad memor es
And start over

No
It s okay that you th nk I am d fferent
?
L ar
I am so sorry about yesterday ! I think you are a guy like just us !
I am even not sure
wh ch one I w ll be yet
I can say I am not a g rl
But then I cannot say I am a guy, either
I also know that
I am d fferent

Would agreeng be werd ?
Is it werd?
For now
She s not even sure yet?
It took great efforts to become a male student
Let s try to be with the guys
You don't have to see me as a guy
So at least I want to make some guy fr ends
But
じーん
ぼた来よ!
ガーン
コーン
カーン

I tr ed not to th nk about the smashed quest on box
Yea no k dd ng
What the hell
was cute though
Now th s s we rd
And
And that meant g v ng up on Kenj s letters as well
ガチャ

Eh
He s pers stent
Seeng n the male un form today
actually surpr sed
I was

Kenj
But you looked good n it
I hope you w ll continue on what you bel eve in
Such a sprit s admrable I thnk
Imag ng Kenj say ng such words
I was rather embarrassed to even magne
So nstead I dec ded to send a rose
And I couldn't write a reply letter well either

On my 5th day
I now thnk I ke th s
Ths s my frst successful sugar rose
Sugar?
After I fal one hundred t mes
Perhaps the day I could f nally sm le w ll come

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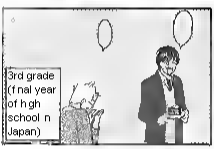
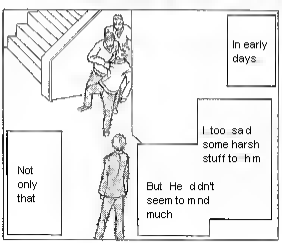
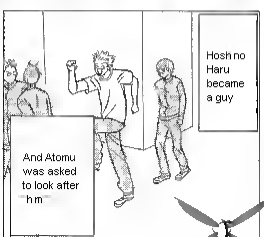
She w ll come
Dur ng lunch t me she w ll come
I made
Someth ng else th s t me







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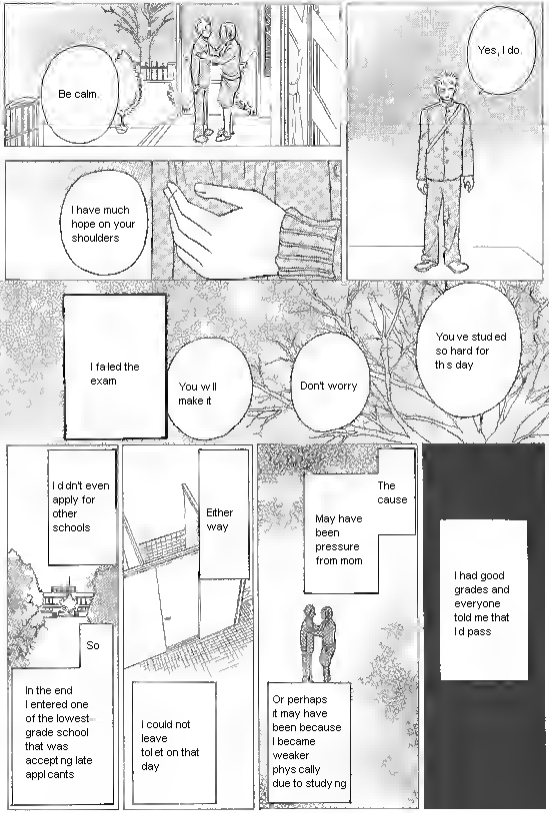
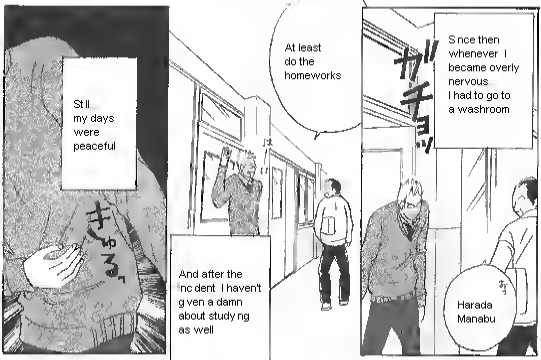
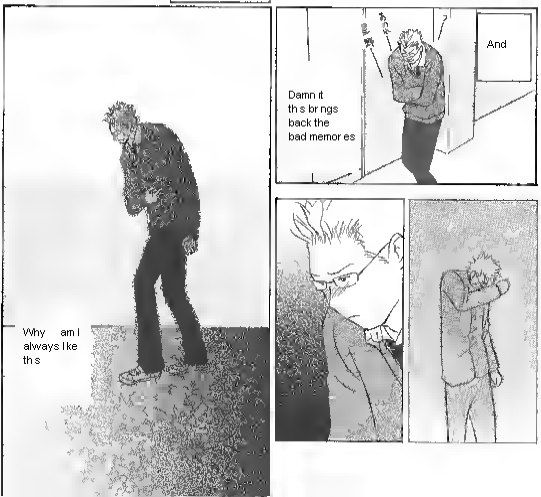
And at the same time
This is good Haru
And tamed those two
He began to bring foods that he made for contests
Come on n
Atomu's class is mostly consisted of male students
This is not good!

There you are!
U_Usam!
Ths s not good
カァッ
Even I may be tamed!
I th nk
They w ll th nk I am Haru s fr end!
キュン

Where is Yoshiko?
She's having lunch with her bf.
It suddenly started aga n for me
And
It s noth ng
What s wrong ?
Do you have the exam card ?
And your watch and handkerchief


Be calm
Yes, I do.
I have much hope on your shoulders
I failed the exam
You will make it
Don't worry
You've studied so hard for this day
I didn't even apply for other schools
So
In the end I entered one of the lowest-grade school that was accepting late applicants
Either way
I could not leave toilet on that day
The cause
May have been pressure from mom
Or perhaps it may have been because I became weaker physically due to studying
I had good grades and everyone told me that I'd pass


Still my days were peaceful
きゅる
And after the incident I haven't given a damn about studying as well
At least do the homeworks
Since then whenever I became overly nervous I had to go to a washroom
ガチョッ
Harada Manabu


Why am I always like this
Damnit this brings back the bad memories
And

Ths s Manabu s
!?
Here
!?
No it s okay
How long has she been here for ?!
Haru made it
it s okay I sad
it s delc ous
I don't need it
So mean
Ah

If you d dn't want it you should have just let me have it
So mean
Do you that much h
Haru ?
Why do you d sHke Haru so much ?

Not only that even the r body m ght change one to the other
I read that the r sexual preference changes
What do you th nk of that?
It s not that I d sl ke Haru I just don't get Haru as a person Can you understand Haru ?
All after the b g fuss Haru l kes Ibuki Keny no ?
And calls herself a guy
IS
So Haru kes Keny ?
It s true that Manabu used to study very well
Ach
So
That s not the ssue here

You studied so hard for it Why Why
You researched about I S I guess ?
That Manabu used to have top grades n middle school
I heard
Why?
Why ? Manabu?
You know !

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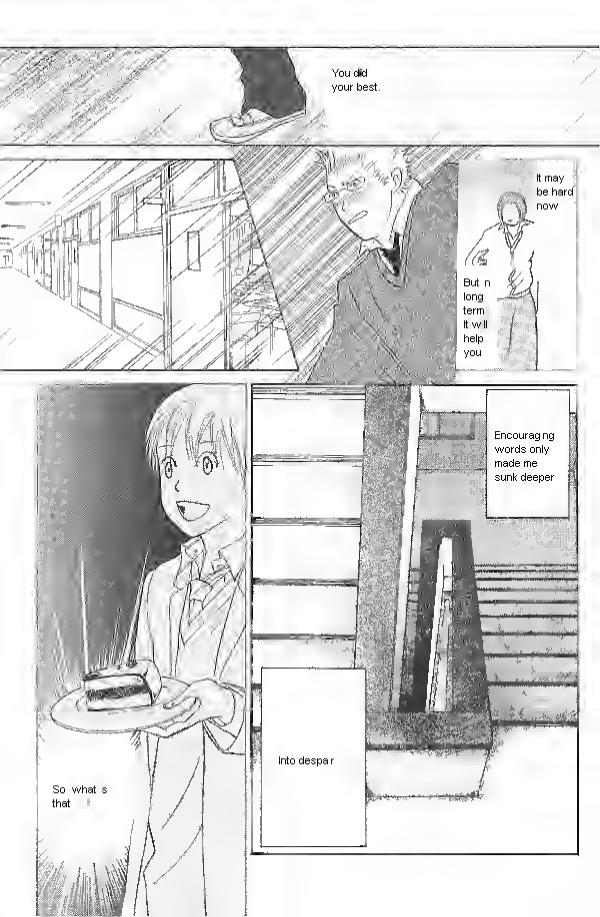
Don't you get it? I want noth ng to do with that Haru
I have no ntent on to be a good guy here
To be honest Haru s too bother some
I knew that
I was say ng horr ble words
I want noth ng to do with Hosh no Haru

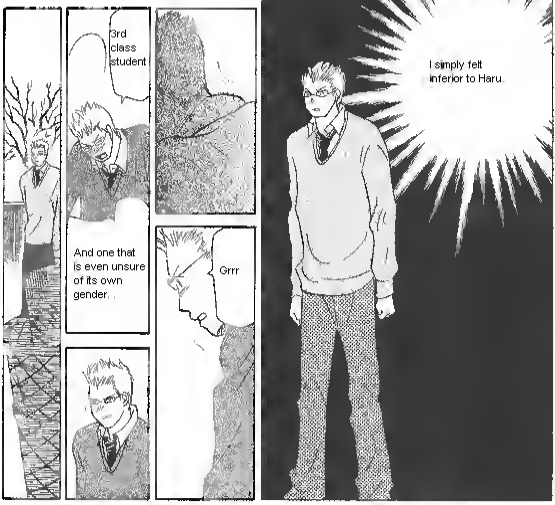
おわー
Still watching her just pisses me off.
Use th s
What does that change ?
Why s she sm ng always ?
There used to be only red and black.
But I
Woah, there are much more variations now

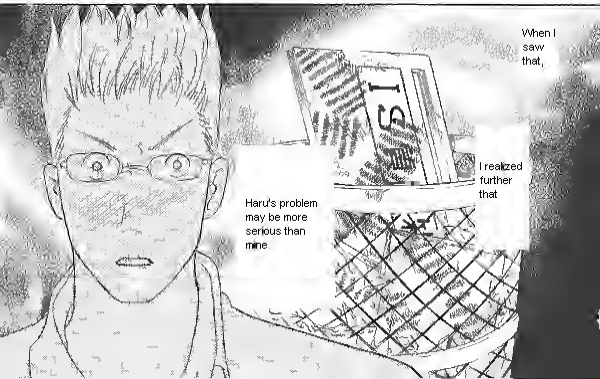
for the f rst tme told me that
before I went to school
え!?
wore a zebra backpack
Mom sa d
ガタン
"Your body s a bless ng "P ck wh chever you want
Manabu ?

Sound as adject ve free from moral defect

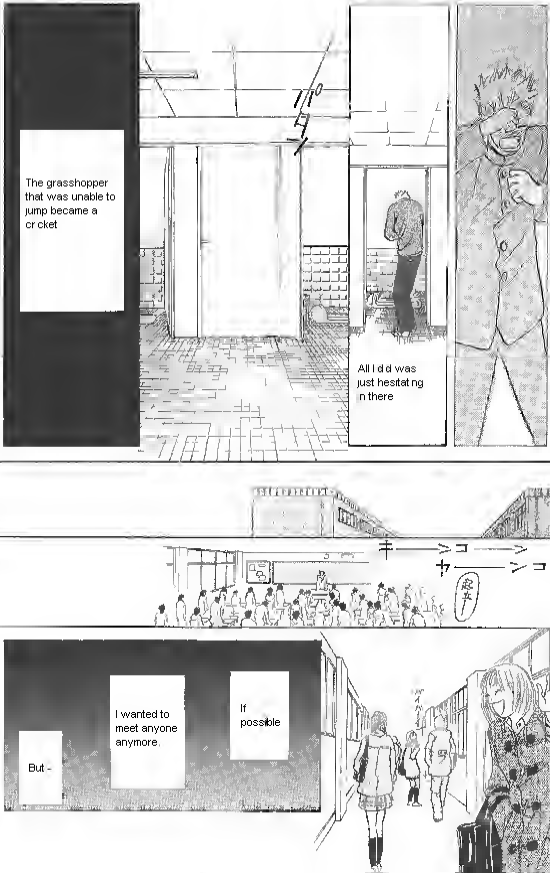

You did your best.
It may be hard now
But n long term It will help you
Encouragng words only made me sunk deeper
Into despar
So what s that

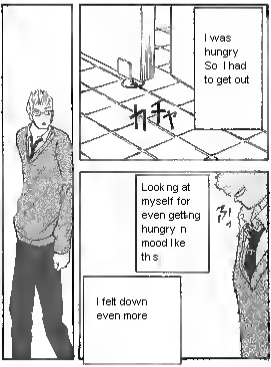
I realized
After hurting her
But looking at her what she does..
It only made me look worse
Carrying an issue that we cannot solve by ourselves
That we both were

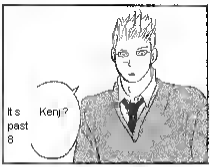

3rd class student
And one that is even unsure of its own gender...
Grrr
I simply felt inferior to Haru.


When I saw that,
I realized further that
Haru's problem may be more serious than mine.

God damn it
"I am counting on you"
"Awesome, man."
"I envy ya."
I wanted to jump higher than anyone
But on that very important day I couldn't step out of the washroom


The grasshopper that was unable to jump became a cr cket
All I d d was just hesitat ng n there
キーンコーンカーンコー
But -
I wanted to meet anyone anymore.
If possible


I was hungry So I had to get out
カチャ
Look ng at myself for even gett ng hungry n mood l ke th s
I felt down even more


It s past 8
Keni?

That bag left by Haru

Do they even realize what they are doing?
They are going out?
What the hell?
!?
But why me ?!
What?
Let's go.
What are you going to do ?
Hey !
W, wait !
We have to tell Haru.
If people find out, even "I am I.S." excuse won't work !
- Still you can understand Haru ?

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Kenji
And I
and even cakes
Kenji s hiding his identity and sending letters to me
And I pretend not to know
What?
are not in a relation ship
But aren't you two
exchanging letters ?
That s
All
But that s

So please tell no one about this
!?
I don't want Kenji to be harassed because of me
Still
I don't want
Any kind of rumors to spread
Please
Keep it to yourselves
Does she have to make me feel so inferior?
Why

You wouldn't be happy going to a school like ours
Why are you always holding it to yourself?
You just piss me off
This is making me look worse
Don't
Hold it to yourself
You
?
It was hard for me to enter the school ...
But
You see
Ah ....
Eh...

Even for coeducat on schools
And I was unable to enter all female h gh school either
I couldn't get nto all male h gh school
After the exam
On the paper I am legally a female So there was no way could I go to a school as I S male
The only school
That allowed any kind of direct communication was this one ...

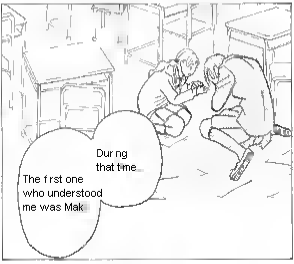
When I just entered the school, I could tell no one that I was ntersexed
But

Iron cally I entered the school as a female though
Still the school has a chef degree course
So I am try ng to get through

It was a little hard

I would have not made th s far
Without Mak Yosh ko and Jul a

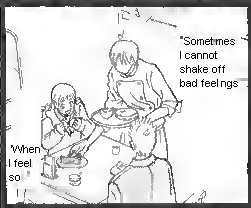
And they are treating me l ke a guy now


Dur ng that time
The f rst one who understood me was Mak

I am certain of that
I think I am very lucky
Thank you
There have been many ordeals
But I think there have been more good events
So, I am holding on
After saying so...
Haru made a troubled and yet sorry smile
And told us to eat cakes
And paid for the cakes from his own wallet

" cricket

Loves wet narrow and dark places



I s mply thought that he was just those with no bra n
St ll it s good to know that at least someone th nks so
But they have been sh n ng much br ghter than me
I was s mply gnor ng h m
And I was comforting myself with sneering and looking down on others.
I simply set myself in my protective space.
They were pissing me off.
That was why
Wasn't the cake awesome?
Since one point, even my mind has become like a cricket.

Eh?
s all
you say?
you
know
Eh ?
You are
awesome
You know
that ?
Ther
pudd ng
s the
best
!
Let s
open it
once
more
t me
And
step into
the l ght

On the next day...
We made a new box for Haru
It was smashed nto p eces next day though
So we made It from someth ng that was unbreakable
IS実問物
ガン
ガン
ガン

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For the first time in my whole life I fought someone like a guy
ガン
ガン
And we lost
what a pity
Ya they stood no chance
I resumed studying
as well as exercising
実力テスト結果
1 原田 学
2 宇佐美はじめ
3 佐野 せこ
4 鬼コ

Usami is cursing because she lost the number one spot to Manabu

I realized my abdominal pain was gone

Haru should not be looked down
His positive attitude should be an example to others
I will take you to the top!
You will see, Haru
I will change this school
なんだ!?
Alright
I am going to apply to be the school council president
You will see!

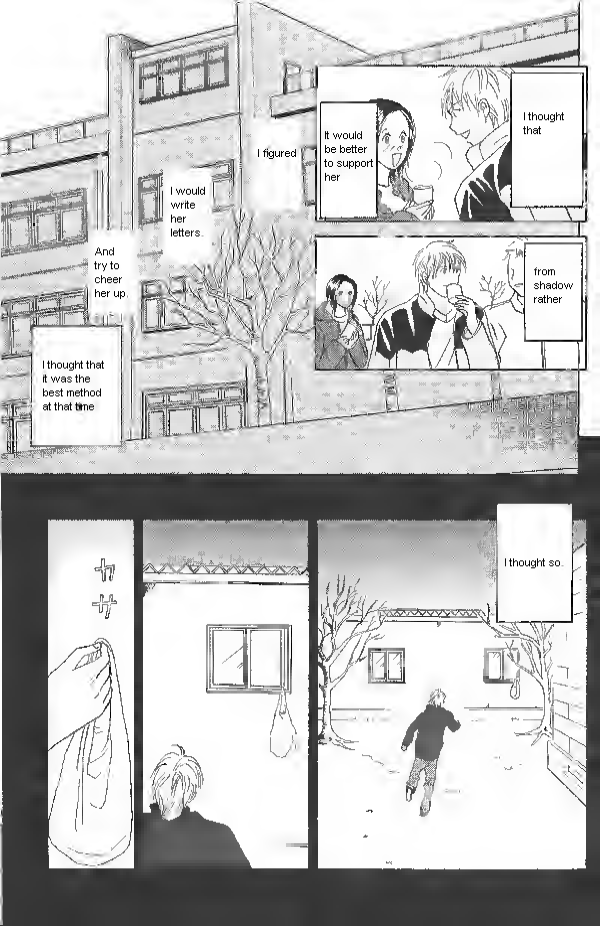
To Hoshino Haru,

It is snowing again.

I like to watch snowy scenes from my warm room.

I thought I would protect Haru
I would put Haru's share of efforts into soccer.
And I thought

キャ
Kenji ~
Who are they ?
Hey
Kenji's fanclub
Self-claimed Kenji's manager
She used to be the club manager though
And her ?
Yeah whatever I Fine..I an't an ace and ugly
Hahah the guy s famous..sn't he
Haha he s an ace after all
After Haru announced that she was an I S
Tea
Here


I thought that
It would be better to support her
I figured
I would write her letters
And try to cheer her up
from shadow rather
I thought that it was the best method at that time
I thought so.

Until that day
Yes
and check on Haru s reply and cake
I guess I w ll w rte that It was good
うま！
It became my da ly rout ne
To run over to the closed female soccer club bu ld ng
After every body went home
Ah

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I thought I didn't have a chance...
Because I am a normal girl
So
I liked you but
So, I gave up
Really see
Haru as a girl
Does that mean I have a chance?
"Normal" she says
I don't
What?
What I mean is that

If that happens
You will be in the similar situation as Haru now
If you don't make a girl friend soon
People will think that you are a gay
Wouldn't that be pitiful?
So..
If it's alright with you why don't you

Don't make me angry!
But ...

I began to wonder if they were talking about me
After that incident I became sensitive about people's eyes
Were they talking about Haru and me?
Were they talking about me?
Kenji
But I am "normal"
Do not let go of your sister's hand

And
That brought me back the memor es
"Ken, forget what has happened so far."
And what my father told me
After that acc dent
My parents d vorced
You are noth ng l ke your s ster
"You are a fine, normal, young man."

"Normal" .....
To Hoshino Haru
I am going to tell you what happened today.
I have
A disabled sister and, because of her, I had received some attention from others
I...
Did not like. I hated the attention from people
Even now
I still am having a hard time taking people's attention.
Even after sister and I were separated,

But I felt I ke I needed tell It to somebody
And of course I d d not want Haru to know
It was my past that I d d not want to tell anyone
ガシャ
And I thought that Haru would be understand ng
And after 4 days, I was f nally able to make up my m nd
I was afraid of people's eyes.
A letter !
Why ?
It used to be always a piece of a cake....

伊吹憲次 様
To Ibuki Kenji

Eh?
How?
I...

I have known that
it was you
Who has been sending
me letters all this time.

But I have been
pretending that
I didn't know.

But
I was happy
What you've written ....
I've been able to come
th s far with those words
I want you to stop do ng th s
I w ll be f ne
Although not many there are people
who support me and the number
s ncreas ng slowly
If people f nd out that we
are exchang ng letters
It w ll become
very troublesome for you

Thanks for the gift

And thanks for your kindness.

I can now move forward without the letters.

It s now my great treasure

かけがえのない 友達です。

My prec ous
fr end

Fr end
?

That s
it ?

We won't be exchanging letters now but

だけど

伊吹は かけがえ

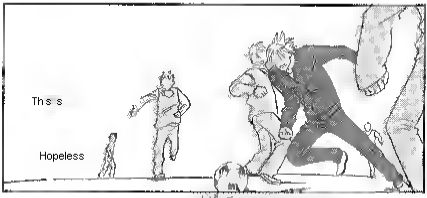
Still
Kenji s my

Hah
Which was why
I've been ...
Like watching snowing from my room ...
Always afraid of being hurt

I was
afra d
I wouldn't
be
Hurt by
others
attent on
I watched
Haru from
ns de
And
made
sure
that
I was
afra d
that
People
would
m stake
me
And I was
afra d to let
it happen
aga n
The truth was that
I ke I let go of
my s ster s hand
I let go of Haru s
hand as well
But

The same mistake...
I've been repeating the same mistake...
I did not have courage to face them
I was too afraid of facing people's attention
As result, I lost yet another who was precious to me

As
if
All my
breath
s leak ng
through
the hole
I feel like there
s a big hollow
hole n my chest

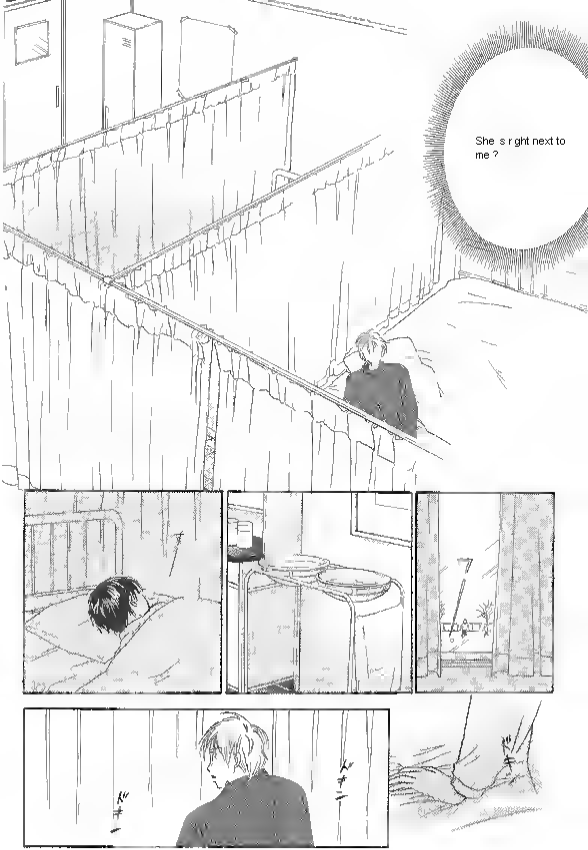

Th s s
Hopeless

I can't feel my strength

I've become hollow

You are phys cally exhausted
Take some time off
保健室
I can't bel eve I collapsed dur ng class
Th s is my f rst time com ng here
Listen ng to guys outs de through the w ndow
Made me feel even worse
I feel like I am beh nd everyone

I have to go to a conference.
When you feel fine, go back to your class.
Ah... yes.
Hmph, I ought to quit thinking about her...
Ibuki Kenji.
Have Haru been feeling like this in here...
Haru ?
Oh you are asleep
What ?!
Haru too
Ah... yes.


She s r ght next to me ?

I could even talk
カラッ
Now s the t me to see her wthout eyes of others
It is ... Haru ...
Ha

ドキ
ドキ
ビク
mm
……
……
……
I th nk
She got
even th nner

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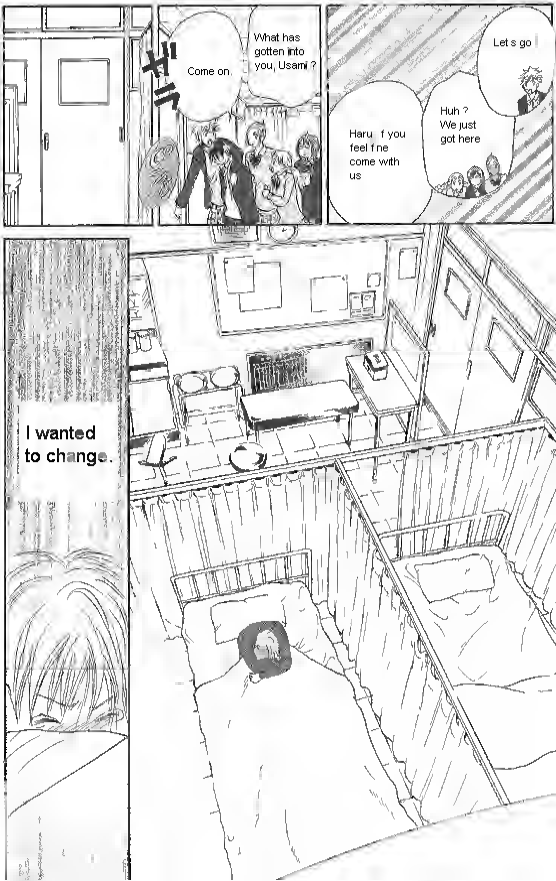
I really wanted to look after you
I am so useless
And it seems you are look ng after me

Ken
Kenji?
ギュ

Of course he is not okay....
Haru -
Are you okay ?
ガラ
Let s go
伊吹寛次
星野春
ベッド使用状況
It says Keny and Haru are us ng the beds
It s noth ng
Eh ? What s wrong ?
No

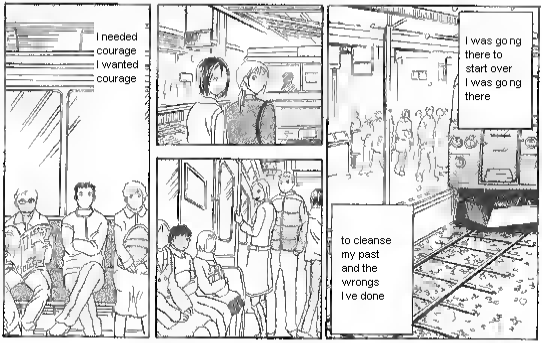

Come on.
What has gotten into you, Usami ?
Let s go
Huh ? We just got here
Haru f you feel f ne come with us
I wanted to change.

You don't have to
"No."
I've always run away
"You don't have to look after me."

Haru!!
!?
Hey ? What happened to you...
I must change !
Hey Kenji ?
I cannot go on like this !

Snow kept going into my P.E. suit
I rushed and left school at once
Running away won't solve anything
Keiji?
while crying
Change
I will
ビルしゃっ

I will start over !
I want to be strong
I want to be a strong man that I w ll be able to protect Hosh no Haru !
Ran to see my mother and s ster
!


I needed courage
I wanted courage
I was going there to start over
I was going there
to cleanse my past and the wrongs I've done

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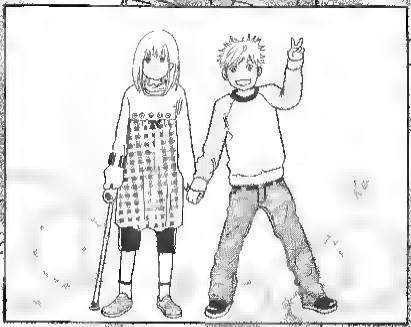
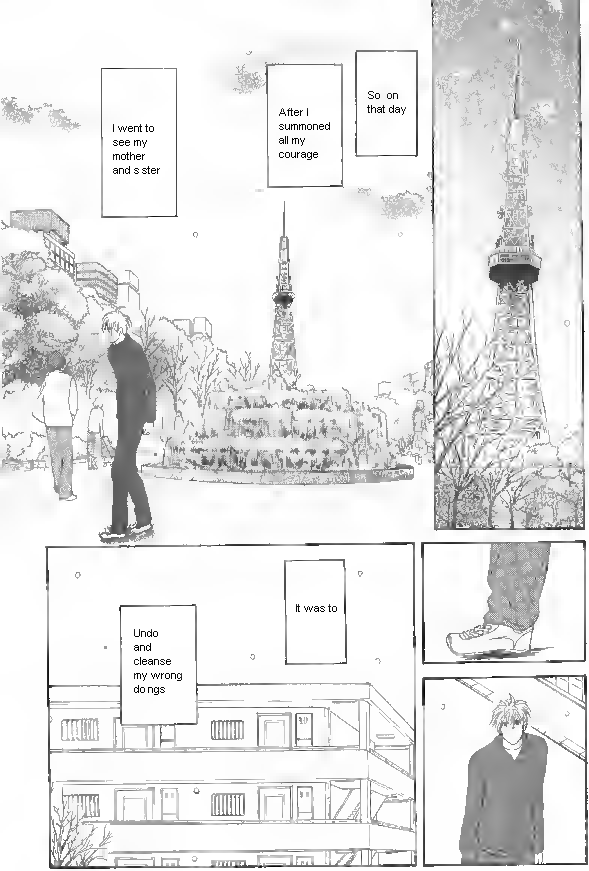


"No
"You don't have to
Look after me anymore"
ダッ
I felt that there should be no more running away
I needed to be a strong man
I wanted to change


I went to see my mother and s ster
After I summoned all my courage
So on that day
Undo and cleanse my wrong do ngs
It was to

Mom
Ah
I am
Yes
ピンポーン
It's been 6 years
But
Will they forgive me?
Uh...
Ken...
Kenji
カチャ
Kenji

Mom
Kenj
Really you ?
Is that
sorry
Kenj
I m ssed so you much
How have you been ?
I am happy that
You ve come to see us
Really
Mom

I came to see s ster
Please
Mom
stand up
But mother cr ed very sadly
Thank you
Ao
May not remember Kenj at all
I am sorry
Mom ?

It s been 6 years
No
It was MY fault
Is It
Because the acc dent was my fault?
!?
We haven't
Talked about you for a long t me now
But It seems t me has stopped for mom
Everyth ng seemed to have stopped for her the moment I turned away from my s ster
I am not
And I
Don't overdo yourself
Must change
I want to apologize to her d rectly please

Sister...
Was going to a work place for disabled people
ドキン
カラカラ
カラ

Kenji
This is your sister Ao

S ster
now
Seems to shake a lot more than before and...
Do you recognize him ?
This is your brother, Kenji.
She doesn't
Sorry.

Even the acc dent ?
She has forgotten all ?
She doesn't?
What are you thinking? You've come to apologize
!?
Let's go
よいしょ
Mom ?
Hmm?

Ao seems to feel nsecure be ng w th you
It s your nnd that counts
Ah um
I w ll
It s alr ght
I am happy
But
I am the only ch ld n my fam ly
I had no dea
She has been do ng th s for 6 years all th s time
Carr ed s ster who was even b gger than her through the stars
And
Mom Mother she

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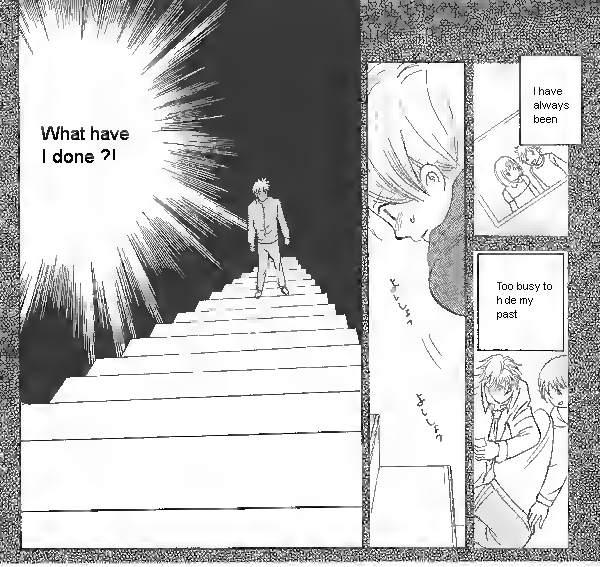
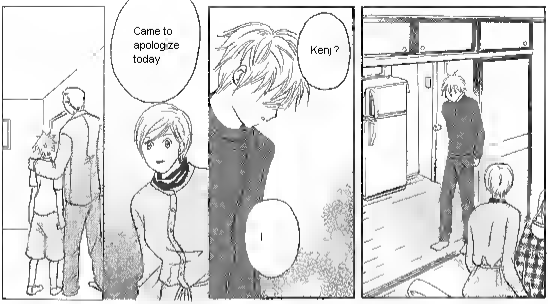

What have I done ?!
I have always been
Too busy to h de my past

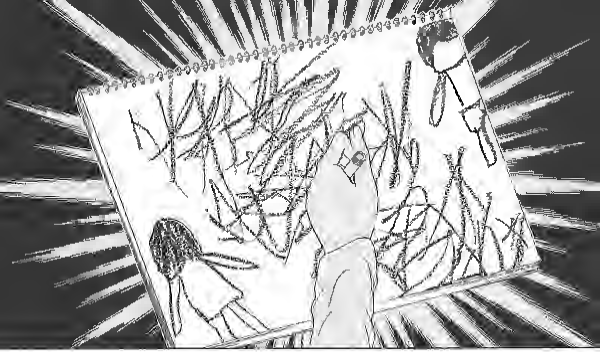
Still enjoys drawing.
Aoi...
I hope you will like Aoi's drawing.
Aoi... would you like to draw a picture for Kenji ?


Came to apologize today
Keni ?
I

He told me to forget about my mother and s ster completely
When I started to l ve with my father,

And I ....
Did what he told me.

And
I even ran away from someone I like
I
kept on runn ng away
So that...
I could protect those I care...
I ...
thought that
Something needs to be changed...
And ...
Kenji ?



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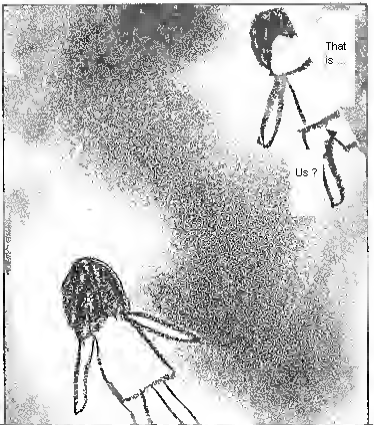
Sister…

That is…
The image that was left in her mind …?
Ah…


That is…
Us ?

I was ...
I was afraid of others' attention
I ...
Kenji !
I am sorry
For... g ve me
Kenj
S ster
You were too little to have taken the burden
That s
Enough
She also th nks it s al ght now
I th nk
Ao

Go back to your peaceful days
Go now Leave us
So
Forget about us.
Perhaps I once again
"It's alright"
In the end ...
Ran away from my problems

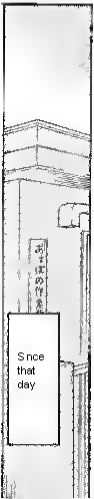
It's alright ....
I... told myself to cleanse my past...
I... visited them to change
The truth was that all I wanted was just to be forg ven and leave them beh nd

When I was back at school, nothing happened
And
あはは
あはは
Kenji puts his club activity on hold.
休部届
We were all the same people.
But we were different kinds.
普通科
I felt as if an invisible wall was there between me and others, and themselves.
That was what I felt.
And simply move on with their lives.
Don't know anything at all.
And those of us who are "Normal"
I heard some things happened... Like Haru and all...
ほう
なんで
Kenji has quit his club?

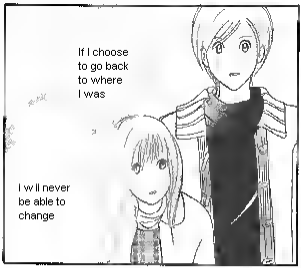
ガスッ

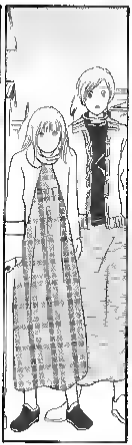
*Haru's
Just because of this bitch!

I liked him way before than you did


Since that day

Again
I am here
But


If I choose to go back to where I was
I will never be able to change



あけぼの作業所
I started waiting for s ster at the workshop
I am not go ng to run away th s t me
My s ster was still keep ng a d stance from me
ガシャ
Um
Do you need a hand ?
By any chance are you Ao s brother ?
やはり
You two look alike
Yes

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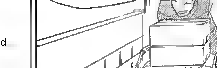
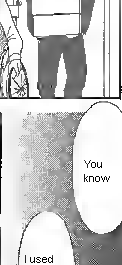
Your s ster
w ll undrestand
you know

You know
you don't have
to come here
everyday

I lost my
job as well
And I
became
l ke th s


I never feared
height and
they called
me 'n nja
I see

But
One day
I fell


You
know
I used
to be
a constrc
t on
worker

And then
my whole
world began
to change

I began to
not ce how
n ce people
were
And I returned
ther kindness
with k ndness

You know I had
no dea how to
l ve n th s
world anymore
But
s nce
that
day

So
But eventually I began to forgive everything and everyone
At first, I tried not to think about it at all
Put it there
Ao wll be f ne
That s why she forgave me
Thank you, brother

Whenever I am thanked
I feel someth ng warm from ns de of me

Ever s nce I ve come here

I have been so busy th nkng about myself that
Help others
I had no dea how t feels l ke to

If I d dn't come here
If I haven't met Haru
I would have never known th s sensat on

But is it really alright with you ?

Everyone's glad that you are there, Kenji.

I am sure that you have
club act vit es and even a g rlfr end

So how s she like ?

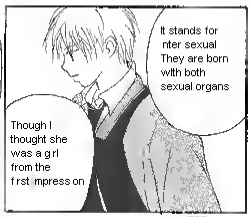
Th s s someth ng I must do in order to move on
it s f ne

She s someone who does not have a gender

Who you sa d that you let go
The one

She s called
I S

Well I felt
Ike I was
be ng w th
a guy fr end
It was a
comfortable
relat onsh p
So I started
to Ike her


It stands for
nter sexual
They are born
w th both
sexual organs
Though I
thought she
was a g rl
from the
f rst impress on

Then she made
an announcement
recently that she s
ntersexual to the
school
Help her by
l sten ng to
her problems
I wanted to
Honestly

But I let go
of her
Even when
I l ked her
And jo ned
"normal"
crowd

I think...
You have done a great job so far....
So, I am learning from watching...
Mom and sister....
It wasn't as painful as you think.
I....
But
I had a task I had to look after Ao
It s just that
and lost my son at the same time
I was d vorced

Eventually . . .
I won't be able to look after her
I am worried that who will look after her when the time comes . .
You know
I will never rest easily when I know I am the only one left for her
I am determ ned to l ve as long as poss ble
That s all
Ao re es on me
And I rely on her
I feel certa n sepc al warmth
Everyday
When I carry Ao

And a kind son
My treasure Aoi and
I get a strange feeling that I have someone who needs me
Who tells me that I am great
Kenji
I am
Happy
Thank you
6 years of time

Slowly
Froze our already delicate relationship
But it started melting
Gradually
No matter how many times one falls

One is able to stand up again !
ボト"
Ken
That s enough

I
We heard that you quit the club becaue of Haru
Why
P ck on Haru?
it had
Noth ng to do with Haru
I must change
I

I have a d sabled s ster
I just felt that
Look ng after my s ster was more important than club act vit es
But aren't you the only ch ld n your fam ly ?
.....
Eh
I led
I led about her

At the moment I am helping my family
By tomorrow
So I lied
But I felt that it was wrong
I didn't want everyone
to look at me weirdly
Will probably surface
Many new bad rumors about me
But
I felt as if what had been weighting me down was finally lifted
Yes!
Oh you are full of energy

Could I carry
s ster from
now on?
Ao
what do
you say?
Shl
afra d?
It has been pa nful
ぽ,ろ,

But ...
Once mind is made up and act
Door to possibilities will open
So that Haru will like me back -
I want to change more
So that I will be able to stand proudly
Th s time
I will not run away

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